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TITLE OF INVENTION FASTENER TAPE MATERIAL BAG UTILIZING FASTENER TAPE MATERIAL, AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THEREOF

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.
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Applicant(s)
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Examiner
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

- ☒ This communication is responsive to papers filed 1-8-01.
- ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 49-50 renumbered as claims 1-2 respectively.
- ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.
- ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- ☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
- ☐ received.
- ☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.
- ☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- *Certified copies not received: _____.
- ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE to comply with the requirements noted below is set to EXPIRE **THREE MONTHS** FROM THE "DATE MAILED" of this Office action. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- ☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
- ☒ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS
- ☐ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.
- ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. _____.
- ☒ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on 6-19-00, which has been approved by the examiner.
- ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

- ☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- ☒ Interview Summary, PTO-413 *(two)*
- ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT/COMMENT

Amendment

1. An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is required in order to make an Examiner's Amendment which places this application in condition for allowance. During a telephone conversation conducted on 1-26-00, Mr. Levy requested an extension of time for one MONTH(S) and authorized the Commissioner to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1145, Order No. 769-226, the required fee for this extension and authorized the following Examiner's Amendment. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 49 has been amended:

Claim 49 (three times amended) A method of making a reclosable bag having top and bottom seals and opposing front and rear walls, said reclosable bag made from web material having a length and a width, comprising the steps of: connecting a predetermined length of fastener tape [having a lip] substantially perpendicular to said length of said web material [said front wall at said lip of said fastener tape], said fastener tape having an interlocked fastener connected thereto, wherein said fastener tape is substantially h-shaped and has a first and second leg[,]; forming said opposing front and rear walls and said top and bottom seals to form the bag where the tape is connected to the front wall; and connecting the fastener tape to said [front and] rear wall[s] at an additional location other than said interlocked fastener [or said lip] where the tape is formed by connecting said interlocked fastener to said first and second legs and connecting barrier tape to an inside wall of said first and second legs.

~~Claim 50 has been amended:~~

Claim 50 (three times amended) A method of making a reclosable bag having top and bottom seals and opposing front and rear walls, said reclosable bag made from web material having a length and a width, comprising the steps of: connecting a predetermined length of fastener tape [having a lip] substantially perpendicular to said length of said web material [said front wall at said lip of said fastener tape], said fastener tape having an interlocked fastener connected thereto, wherein said fastener tape is substantially h-shaped and has a first and second leg[,]; forming said opposing front and rear walls[,], and said top and

bottom seals to form the bag where the tape is connected to the front wall; and connecting the fastener tape to said [front and] rear wall[s] at an additional location other than said interlocked fastener [or said lip;]
D, where the tape is formed by connecting said interlocked fastener to said first and second legs and coating an inside wall of said first and second legs to make each said inside wall non-sealing.

Claim Numbering

3. The numbering of claims is not accordance with 37 CFR 1.126. The original numbering of the claims must be preserved throughout the prosecution. When claims are canceled, the remaining claims must not be renumbered. When claims are added, except when presented in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(b), they must be renumbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claims previously presented (whether entered or not). When the application is ready for allowance, the Examiner, if necessary, will renumber the claims consecutively in the order in which they appear or in such order as may have been requested by Applicants. Misnumbered claims 49-50 have been renumbered as claims 1-2, respectively.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications should be directed to Examiner Linda L. Gray at (703)308-1093, Monday-Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. The necessary fax numbers are (703)305-7718 (official), (703)305-7115 (unofficial), and (703)305-3599 (after final).

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January 29, 2001

ATTACHMENT TO AND MODIFICATION OF
NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY (PTO-37)

(November, 2000)

NO EXTENSIONS OF TIME ARE PERMITTED TO FILE CORRECTED OR FORMAL DRAWINGS, OR A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION, notwithstanding any indication to the contrary in the attached Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).

If the following language appears on the attached Notice of Allowability, the portion lined through below is of no force and effect and is to be ignored¹:

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Similar language appearing in any attachments to the Notice of Allowability, such as in an Examiner's Amendment/Comment or in a Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, is also to be ignored.

¹ The language which is crossed out is contrary to amended 37 CFR 1.85(c) and 1.136. See "Changes to Implement the Patent Business Goals", 65 Fed. Reg. 54603, 54629, 54641, 54670, 54674 (September 8, 2000), 1238 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 77, 99, 110, 135, 139 (September 19, 2000).